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Greater Fayetteville Business Journal | February 05, 2026

Fort Bragg ignites innovation: Joint Innovation Outpost opens as a collaborative hub linking soldiers, universities and industry

Fayetteville State University highlighted the impact of military students and the importance of continued research, sharing that enrollment of military-affiliated students had grown over 40% over the last four years. Leadership also highlighted the historical education partnership agreement between Fayetteville State University and the XVIII Airborne, signed into effect in February of 2025, and the impact it has had over the last year.

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Business North Carolina | February 05, 2026

NC State proposes new defense and security institute - Business North Carolina

Research and academic leaders from across NC State will work through the UNC System over the next year to obtain formal recognition of a defense and security institute as part of the systemwide framework of centers and institutes.

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Watauga Democrat | February 05, 2026

Jones: No threats, just a North Carolina home for VMI

Citing strategic priorities of the state, Columbus County state Rep. Brenden Jones tells Lt. Gen. David Furness in the Lexington, Va., Superintendent's Office that North Carolina will gladly welcome the institution into the UNC System and give Virginia Military Institute a new home if shut down.

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UNC Health takes integrated approach to behavioral health - Triangle Business Journal

The integrative care model, which unites primary care and behavioral health care, is intended to improve access to mental health care, reduce stigma and intervene earlier to support patients.

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NC Newsline | February 06, 2026

Federal judge questions the feasibility of opening NC university voting sites by next week • NC Newsline

College Democrats of North Carolina and students from three college campuses appealed state Board of Elections decisions last month rejecting early voting locations at NC A&T State University, UNC-Greensboro, and Western Carolina University in Jackson County. They want the court to order polling sites open on those campuses for early voting, which starts Feb. 12.

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Carolina Journal | February 05, 2026

Judge blocks UNC's ban against protesters, tosses part of their suit

A federal judge has issued an injunction ending campus bans for three protesters arrested for trespassing at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill during pro-Palestinian protests in 2024.

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Carolina Journal | February 03, 2026

Top NC court to hear 'Cardiac Pack' case against NCAA on April 14

Twelve members of the championship team allege that the NCAA has profited illegally for decades from players' names, images, and likenesses.

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WPDE-TV | February 05, 2026

Lumbee tribe recognition reinstates scholarship for UNC student

Kennedy Jones, a student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, had her college scholarship reinstated following the Lumbee Tribe's full federal recognition in December.

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Food & Wine Magazine | February 06, 2026

Scientists Finally Explain Why Your Sourdough Never Tastes the Same Twice

To better understand how the microbial communities within a sourdough starter interact, researchers at North Carolina State University created 18 sourdough starters in a lab using three standard wheat flours: all-purpose flour, bread flour, and whole wheat flour. Each flour was used to make six starters, three fed daily and three fed every other day, over 28 days. (The scientists noted that this frequency best reflected real-world home-baking routines.)

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UNCP trio earns dual engineering degrees through NC State partnership

Through the 3+2 partnership, students spend their first three years at UNCP completing foundational coursework — typically in applied physics or geo-environmental studies — before transferring to N.C. State's College of Engineering for two additional years. Graduates earn two bachelor's degrees: applied physics from UNCP and an engineering degree from N.C. State. Since its launch in 2016, the program has expanded from mechanical and electrical engineering to include civil and environmental engineering pathways, providing students with multiple options in high-demand fields.

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The News & Observer | February 06, 2026

What's it like to coach Super Bowl QB Drake Maye? 'So many memorable moments'

On North Carolina's senior day in 2023, which was all-but-surely the final home game for an NFL-bound Maye, Brown implored his quarterback to walk. "He said, 'No, I'm not graduating. Senior days should be for graduation. It would be

wrong of me to go out there and act like I had finished school." And so, because Maye insisted, there was no in-stadium memorial or senior day walk.

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- 'How Seahawks LB Drake Thomas went from Heritage High and NC State to Super Bowl'
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Higher Education News

The Chronicle of Higher Education | February 05, 2026

How Higher Ed Staved Off a Research-Funding Bloodbath — For Now

Even as the fight went to court, Kelvin K. Droegemeier, a science-policy adviser at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign who'd served in the first Trump administration, believed that what universities really needed to do was propose an alternative. He pulled together a few dozen representatives from colleges, hospitals, and other institutions that do federally funded research. Over late-night Zoom calls and in-person meetings, this ragtag group hashed out a potential new plan for indirect-cost funding in six months — "an extraordinarily short amount of time," said Robert Marus, a spokesperson for the Association of American Universities (AAU).

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The Washington Post | February 05, 2026

Before Trump ban, universities were slowly making faculties more diverse

The number of Black and Hispanic faculty increased at large research universities after a wave of commitments. Now these pledges are being rolled back, a Washington Post analysis found.

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Yahoo! News | February 05, 2026

Stitt orders higher ed to create plan to tie funding to performance

Gov. Kevin Stitt has issued an executive order that will tie state funding for Oklahoma's higher education institutions to their performance.

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UH asks professors to sign memo against 'indoctrination,' sparking alarm on campus

Dean Dan O'Connor sent the memo to faculty in the UH College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences this week, as first reported by Chron. He said the signatures would help satisfy a November directive from UH Chancellor and President Renu Khator, who wants to make sure professors aren't violating an "academic commitment" to allow students to form their own opinions.

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‘An urgent operational reality’: Southern Oregon University faces looming cash shortfall

The struggling regional institution has seen enrollment decline and is now trying to manage its expenses amid constrained revenue.

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UVA Brings Advising Into the Classroom

After students said advising lagged behind their college experience, the University of Virginia embedded advisers into first-year seminars.

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SEC distributing more than $1B to its schools for 2024-25

The total distribution jumped more than $200 million from the previous year. The current total includes $37.4 million retained by universities that participated in the College Football Playoff and bowl games.

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News & Record | February 06, 2026

Terence Everitt: When young voters show up, North Carolina shouldn’t shut the door

The data is clear. Campus sites consistently have some of the highest rates of same-day registration in the state. They serve younger voters and, at historically Black institutions, a large share of Black students. They work.

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